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ARIZONA STUDENTS OUTSCORE NATIONAL AVERAGE IN SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST BY WIDE MARGIN

PHOENIX (Tuesday, August 31, 2004) State Superintendent Tom Horne today released Arizona's Scholastic Aptitude Test results. Arizona's average on the verbal was 523, compared to a national average of 508, and on the math was 524, compared to a national average of 518.

Horne stated: "These significantly higher scores show that Arizona's college bound high school students are significantly outperforming their peers nationally."

Horne added: "These high scores, coincide with increased rates of participation by Arizona's students. Arizona's participation rate increased by 26 percent over the past five years, including a 39 percent increase for Latino students, 48 percent increase for Native Americans, and 25 percent for African Americans."

"Similarly, on the advanced placement test, 63 percent of Arizona's students received a passing grade (three or higher) compared to 61 percent of the students nationally. Arizona's participation rate increased over the last five years by 7.8 percent, with a 90 percent increase for Native American students, a 60 percent increase for African American students and an 80 percent increase for Latino students.

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Note: The report can be found on www.collegeboard.com